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SUBJ: CIVAIR: ZURICH-BERLIN FLIGHTS

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1. EMBASSY RAISED MATTER OF DELAYED APPROVAL PAN AM REQUEST
TO COMMENCE FLIGHTS ZURICH-BERLIN WITH SWISS FEDERAL AIR OFFICE
AND FEDERAL POLITICAL DEPT AS INSTRUCTED REFTEL.

2. EMBOFF CONTACTED WALTER FREI, CHIEF AIR TRANSPORT SECTION
OF FEDERAL AIR OFFICE, TO STRESS IMPORTANCE THAT SWISS GIVE
EARLY APPROVAL TO PAA'S APPLICATION FOR ZURICH-BERLIN FLIGHTS AND
THAT PAA SERIOUSLY INTERESTED IN COMMENCING SERVICE. FREI TOOK
SPECIAL NOTE THAT ALLIED CAA'S REQUIRE SWISS APPROVAL OF
PAA APPLICATION BEFORE CAA'S WILL TAKE FINAL DECISION ON
EITHER PAA OR BA REQUEST TO COMMENCE SERVICE ON THIS ROUTE.
EMBOFF ADDED THAT ALLIED CAA'S HAD INFORMED PAA AND BA THAT
MAXIMUM 7 FLIGHTS WEEKLY BERLIN-ZURICH WOULD BE AUTHORIZED
AND HAD ASKED PAA/BA REACH AGREEMENT ON SHARING ARRANGEMENT
BY DEC 17.

3. FREI SAID HE WOULD BRING EMBASSY'S DEMARCHE TO IMMEDIATE
ATTENTION AIR OFFICE DIR GULDIMANN AND REPORT BAKC,
WHICH HE DID. FREI RELAYED GULDIMANN MESSAGE THAT AIR
OFFICE DESIRES APPROVE PAA APPLICATION IMMEDIATELY OR
WITHIN FEW DAYS, BUT POLITICAL DIFFICULTIES WILL DELAY FORMAL
SWISS REPLY. FREI STRESSED HIS AND OTHER AIR OFFICE
OFFICIALS' PREVIOUS STATEMENTS ASSURING US THAT THERE IS NO
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CIVIL AVIATION PROBLEM BARRING APPROVAL OF PAA'S APPLICATION,

AND THAT POLITICAL CONSIDERATIONS ONLY FACTOR IN DELAY; I.E.M
FEDERAL POLITICAL DEPT'S CONCERNS ARISING FROM DEMARCHES BY
SOVIET AND EAST GERMAN AMBASSADORS (BERN 5373). FREI SAID THAT
BASED ON LATEST READING HE COULD OBTAIN POLITICAL DEPT WOULD
NOT REACH A DECISION UNTIL END DEC.

4. WE HAVE CONVEYED SUBSTANCE PARAS 3 AND 4 REFTTEL A
TO POLITICAL DEPT. THEY WILL RESPOND DEC 13.
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